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#### **GSM NEWS**

## General Sales Manager Kirk Miller's Istanbul Conference:

On May 29, GSM Kirk Miller gave a presentation on the Outlook of U.S. Agricultural Production and Trade to industry and bank representatives in Istanbul. Approximately 90 people from the leading banks, and cotton, oil, poultry, rice, livestock and paper production industries attended the seminar. The general focus of the questions revolved around the GSM-102 program and its future.

Please click on the link below to see the US-Turkey Agriculture Outlook presentation.

#### **GSM REGISTRATION STATUS**

Turkey's GSM Program usage limit for fiscal year 2007 is US \$325 million. Currently the usage has been realized as US \$172 million. Out of this total, 83 million is used for cotton trade, 38.5 million for soybeans and soybean meal and 27 million for corn oil.

## **COCHRAN NEWS**

We are happy to announce that the Cochran programs have been approved and the participants are currently being contacted. The training sessions will take place between August and December. The approved programs are:

- 1. Rural Development Program
- 2. Livestock Genetics Program
- 3. Planting Seeds Program

# ATTACHÉ REPORTING NEWS

Recent agriculture reports submitted by the Ankara and Istanbul offices include; Cotton Annual (TU7032), Dried Fruit Annual (TU7035), Tomato and Products (TU7036). Upcoming reports will include Biofuels Annual, Oilseeds Annual and Biotech annual reports. These reports, all previous reports, and similar reports for countries around the world can be found by clicking on "Attaché Reports" from the main website at: <a href="https://www.fas.usda.gov">www.fas.usda.gov</a>

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